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I am not a lawyer, but I am a CPA and over the 25 years that I've been in accounting I have read a number of lawsuits and other legal agreements. It seems to me that the settlement with Microsoft only requires them to do what the law has provided all along, with the exception, to use an automobile analogy, that there will now be someone in the back seat to tell them they're speeding. It doesn't mean that they will slow down, they are just more aware of what they are doing.

Therefore, I feel that unless the court imposes potential severe penalties on the Board of Directors of Microsoft, that the course of Microsoft slowly pushing out competitors wherever it feels there is money to be made, or where it perceives a potential threat will continue unabated or possibly accelerate. I, therefore, recommend, that the Board of Directors of Microsoft be subject to immediate jail time if at any time Microsoft is found to have violated the terms of the settlement. This would include all current and all future directors. Only by making the Board responsible in a way that will have immediate and substantial impact will on themselves will there be any hope of the settlement agreement being honored.